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FM AMEMBASSY DACCA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5398

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY KABUL

AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMCONSUL LAHORE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMCONSUL MADRAS

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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH BIMAN DELAYS ON DACCA/CALCUTTA SECTOR

1. BANGLADESH BIMAN IS EXPERIENCING SCHEDULING DELAYS ON
ALL ROUTES OPERATED BY F-27 AIRCRAFT (FOKKER FRIENDSHIP).

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THESE INCLUDE ALL DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AND ONE OF MOST FRE-
QUENTLY USED INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, THAT BETWEEN DACCA AND
CALCUTTA. WE ASSUME THERE WILL ALSO BE DELAYS OR CAN-
CELLATIONS OF WEEKLY F-27 SERVICE DACCA/KATHMANDU.
THERE IS ALSO AN INDIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT DACCA TO CALCUTTA
DAILY BUT THIS IS NOW HEAVILY IN DEMAND FROM DACCA TO
CALCUTTA AND WE ASSUME ALSO FROM CALCUTTA TO DACCA.

2. CAUSE OF PROBLEM IS THAT FOUR OF BIMAN'S FLEET OF SIX F-27'S ARE DOWN. SCHEDULE EVEN WITH ALL SIX OPERATING IS TIGHT AND WITH ONLY TWO IS ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE. THERE IS SO FAR NO INDICATION WHEN ANY OF GROUNDED AIRCRAFT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE.

3. WE THEREFORE ADVISE TRAVELLERS TO DACCA TO USE FLIGHTS OTHER THAN THOSE THROUGH CALCUTTA IF POSSIBLE. BIMAN'S BOEING FLIGHTS ARE OPERATING (ALTHOUGH WITH DELAYS WE HAVE COME TO ACCEPT AS NORMAL) FROM SUCH POINTS AS BANGKOK, KARACHI, BOMBAY, SINGAPORE, DOHA, ABU DHABI AND LONDON. ADDITIONALLY THAI OPERATES TWICE A WEEK FROM EACH BANGKOK AND FROM DELHI, BRITISH AIRWAYS ALSO TWICE A WEEK FROM LONDON THROUGH DOHA (NO TRAFFIC RIGHTS FROM DELHI) AND PIA ONCE A WEEK FROM KARACHI.

4. USING CALCUTTA MAY CAUSE TRAVELLERS CONSIDERABLE DELAYS. MOST RECENT HAS BEEN DELAY IN ARRIVAL (AND POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF VISIT) OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS. WE ARE REROUTING SOME TRAVELLERS, E.G., STUDENTS, THROUGH NEW DELHI AND SOLICIT EMBASSY DELHI'S ASSISTANCE. WHEN THIS IS NEEDED SEPTELS WILL BE SENT.
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